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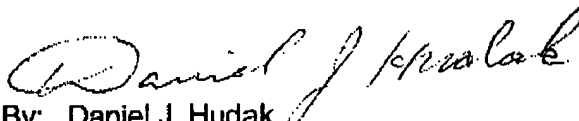
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In reply to the Official Action of February 23, 2007, Applicant responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.